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## **Delayed Implementation of Tamper Resistant Prescription Pad Requirements - Now Effective April 1, 2008**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the delayed implementation of the tamper resistant prescription pad requirement. As you may know, Congress recently enacted a new law that mandates the use of tamper-resistant prescription pads for most outpatient prescriptions written for fee-for-service Medicaid recipients, which was scheduled to become effective October 1, 2007. DMAS has been advised that the U.S. Congress has passed and the President signed legislation (H.R. 3668) for a six-month delay in the implementation of the newly enacted federal mandate that all non-electronic prescriptions for Medicaid enrollees be written on tamper-resistant paper. The provisions of this law will now become effective on April 1, 2008. Virginia Medicaid will comply with the implementation delay in accordance with this federal legislation and require the use of tamper-resistant pads on all non-electronic, outpatient prescriptions (excluding e-prescribing, fax, or telephone) on this date.

Please refer to the *Virginia Medicaid Memo* dated September 5, 2007 ([http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/mm-Implm\\_TPPR.pdf](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/downloads/pdfs/mm-Implm_TPPR.pdf)) for details on the implementation of tamper resistant prescription pad requirement. DMAS will continue to update providers on changes and updates. A web page also has been established on the DMAS web site to offer additional information on this mandate: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/pharm-news.htm>.

### **Additional Information**

**Providers and recipients can also contact the First Health Services Clinical Call Center at 1-800-932-6648 (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week) with questions specifically regarding submission of appropriate prescriptions.**

Thank you for your patience and assistance in implementing this federal mandate.